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1. EMB CONCURS WITH SYNTHESIS CONTAINED PARA 1 REF C TO EFFECT (1) EMBASSIES KIGALI AND BUJUMBURA HAVE REALISTIC VIEW SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEMS HINDERING EFFECTIVE BURUNDI-RWANDA ECONOMIC COOPERATION, (2) BUJUMBURA MORE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES FOR SUCCESS OF CATALYTIC THIRD PARTY EFFORT, AND (3) THE TWO EMBASSIES DIVERGE SIGNIFICANTLY TN EXTENT TO WHICH US SHOULD ADOPT VISIBLE LEADING ROLE IN STUDYING MODALITIES BINATIONAL COOPERATION. EMB BUJUMBURA OPTS FOR ACTIVE AMERICAN ROLE THROUGH USAID STUDY MISSION; EMB KIGALI BELIEVES MIXED
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STUDY MISSION (IBRD, FED, UNDP, ETC.) WITH USAID INPUT

PREFERABLE.

2. WE BELIEVE CASE FOR MIXED STUDY GROUP STILL VALID IN
TERMS AVOIDANCE POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND GENERATION MULTI-
LATERAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FEASIBLE PROJECTS. HOWEVER,
IN ORDER MAINTAIN AMB MARK'S VALUED INITIATIVE IN SEEKING
TAKE ADVANTAGE CURRENT RWANDA-BURUNDI ERA GOOD FEELING,
EMB WOULD SUPPORT ALL USAID STUDY GROUP IF TERMS OF
REFERENCE FOR STUDY MISSION INCLUDED DIRECTIVE SEARCH OUT
BI-NATIONAL PROJECT SUITABLE FOR USG FUNDING OR MULTI-
NATIONAL FUNDING WITH USG PARTICIPATION. FRITTS

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